

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains from the State of Maine in the Possession of the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Andover, MA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior

ACTION: Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003(d), of completion of the inventory of human remains presently in the possession of the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Phillips Academy, Andover, MA, from one site in the State of Maine.

A detailed inventory and assessment of these human remains has been made by the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology and representatives of the Penobscot Indian Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, and the Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians, known collectively as the Wabanaki Confederacy.

The isolated human remains from a male between 25 and 30 years old were recovered in 1921 from the Ludlow's Point Shellheap in Penobscot, ME. The Ludlow's Point Shellheap is believed to have been occupied between A.D. 900 and 1500. The individual from this site is believed to have been interred during that occupation.

The Ludlow's Point Shellheap is located within the aboriginal territory of the people known historically as the Etchemin. The Etchemin are considered ancestral to the Penobscot Indian Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

Inventory of the human remains from Ludlow's Point Shellheap, results of the consultation with the Wabanaki Confederacy, and review of the accompanying documentation indicates that no known individuals were identifiable.

Based on the available archaeological and ethnohistorical evidence, as well as the geographical and oral tradition evidence provided by the tribes of the Wabanaki Confederacy during consultation, officials of the Robert S. Peabody Museum have determined that pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(2), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these human remains from the Ludlow's Point Shellheap and the Penobscot Indian Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Wabanaki Confederacy (the Penobscot Indian Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, and the Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians). Representatives of any other Indian tribe which believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains should contact James W. Bradley, Director of the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Phillips Academy, Andover, MA 01810; telephone: (508) 749-4490, before August 17, 1995. Repatriation of these human remains to the Penobscot Indian Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

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